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G.M. Martin et al

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, the present response to which is being submitted within the initial three-month period for response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 14 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

1. (Amended) An electrical connector of a type which is connectable to a substrate, comprising:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
— a small entity. A verified statement:
— is attached.
— was already filed.
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 870.00	\$ 475.00
<u> </u> four months	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 755.00

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Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDIT. FEE		OR		RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL		MINUS	*20	=		x \$11 =	\$			x \$22 =	\$-0-				
INDEP.		MINUS	**3	=		x \$41 =	\$			x \$82 =	\$-0-				
___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM										+ \$135 =		\$	+ \$270 =		\$-0-
							TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	OR		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$-0-	

- (c) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

- (d) ___ Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. ___ Attached is a check in the sum of \$___

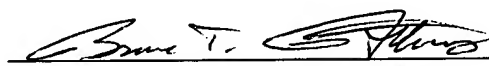
___ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.


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